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FUNDA ET AL.

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Art Unit: 3737

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On page 3, line 4, please delete "a".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-17, 25, 26, and 28-36 without prejudice or disclaimer, as requested in the original filing. Applicants hereby request that claims 18-24 and 27 be deleted and that claims 37- 43 be added, as follows:

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37 A system for positioning two or more surgical instruments relative to a

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patient's body, the system comprising:

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